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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

This supplemental amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2000. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please replace claims 39-41, 45-47 and 50 with the following amended claims:

39.(Amended) A stent comprising:

a plurality of undulating band-like elements having alternating peaks and troughs, the plurality of undulating band-like elements including at least two interconnected, non-abutting undulating band-like elements located at a proximal end of the stent and at least two interconnected, non-abutting undulating band-like elements located at a distal end of the stent,

the plurality of undulating band-like elements including a first undulating band-like element, a second undulating band-like element and a third undulating band-like element, the second undulating band-like element disposed between the first and third undulating band-like elements, and

a plurality of interconnecting elements extending between undulating band-like elements which are adjacent one another, each interconnecting element having a first end and a second end which is offset circumferentially and longitudinally along the stent from the first end,

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